The Lions' Pride

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Y.A. Chicks Kickin' It: Writers Visit Campus

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From left to right: Jessica Brody, Jessica Khoury, Amy Christine Parker, Anna Banks, Lucienne Diver, and Christina Farley all had very different paths to becoming writers, but they each became successful.

By Annie Hays
Entertainment Editor

Five young-adult fiction writers and a book agent shared writing advice and stories at the University on Tuesday, March 11.

The writers were Jessica Brody (Unforgotten and Unremembered), Jessica Khoury (Origin and Vitro), Amy Christine Parker (Gated), Anna Banks (Of Poseidon and Of Triton) and Christina Farley (Gilded). The book agent was Lucienne Diver who is a Y.A. author as well.

While the authors discussed and read from their novels, the focus of the evening was for the audience to ask questions and learn about what life is like as a writer. Each author told their stories of how they became writers. Some of the women started writing very early in life.

Jessica Khoury wrote her first book when she was four years old. Because her classmates loved it so much, she decided to keep writing for the rest of her life. When she was in college, she was concerned because she had not published anything yet. But then one day she was inspired to write Vitro. After sending an unedited first draft to an agent, they were able to get a book deal in three months.

"It's more uncommon to have your first novel published, and it usually takes more than three months to sell a book to a publisher. Never compare your path to others," said Lucienne Diver.

Anna Banks had a more typical path to getting published.

"I read Twilight and said: if she can write a book, I can write a book," said Banks.

Her novel, Of Poseidon, received four offers and 56 rejection letters before it was finally published.

Since all the writers now write for young adults, one would expect that they were all avid readers as children. Some of them were.

"I would hide my book in my math book," said Khoury.

"When I was twelve, I read adult romances behind my mom's back," said Banks.

However, not all of the writers liked to read as kids. Brody hated to read until college when her friend gave her Bridget Jones' Diary while she worked out at the gym. Farley had trouble reading until she was about 12 or 13, then she started reading all the "classics" novels.

The writers also discussed the business side of the writing industry, particularly marketing books. All the writers and the agent agreed that social media is essential to reaching YA audiences. Diver said that it is essential for books to be on Goodreads and agreed that social media is important, but word of mouth is still the best marketing.

"It's got to come from the readers," said Diver.

One member of the audience noted that almost all of the books have one word titles. According to the writers, this is a new trend in writing caused by social media.

"Those 140 characters in a tweet get wasted on long titles," said Brody.

The discussion finished with insight into the writing process. When asked if the writers knew how their books were going to end when they began writing, many of the writers agreed that they did. Brody said that an essential tool for writers is a website called savethecat.com. It explains every way a plot can twist, a character can grow, and conflict can be resolved.

The writers also gave advice on what to do when a writer feels unmotivated to write. Brody learned a technique where if a writer writes only five words, with no pressure to produce anymore, then more words generally come out; before the writer knows it, he or she has written several pages.

"Just write five words and maybe you'll write more," said Freshman Emma Reimer.

"I liked the five word suggestion, and I think it's ironic that a couple [of writers] weren't avid readers when they were young, but they write for young people now," said Junior Lorie Jewell

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Local News

S.E.R.V.E.: Pasco County Animal Services

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During spring break S.E.R.V.E. offered opportunities for students to enrich the community of Pasco County through community service and development.

Members of S.E.R.V.E. visited the Pasco County Animal Services center on March 20. Pasco County Animal Services is located in Land O' Lakes, Florida at 19640 Dogpatch Lane.

The Pasco County Animal Services center's mission is to provide a safe community for the people and the animals of Pasco County by educating individuals and helping to foster abandoned and stray animals.

The animal shelter has become the home of several hundred dogs and cats. Each animal has an interesting background and personality. Specialists at the shelter take time to understand each animal before the adoption process begins.

The workers and volunteers at the shelter aim to walk each dog and play with each cat at least once a day. Some days this is just not possible. It all depends on the number of volunteers, animals and visitors.

Members of S.E.R.V.E. helped walk a few of the dogs through the yard and provided special attention to some of the cats.

Students of S.E.R.V.E. also helped with animal enrichment by making tasty treats for the canines. Each treat was composed of chicken or beef broth mixed with crunchy dog biscuits, chewy sausages, smooth peanut butter and a dollop of cheese topping. After each treat was finished, it was placed in a freezer until it was completely frozen.

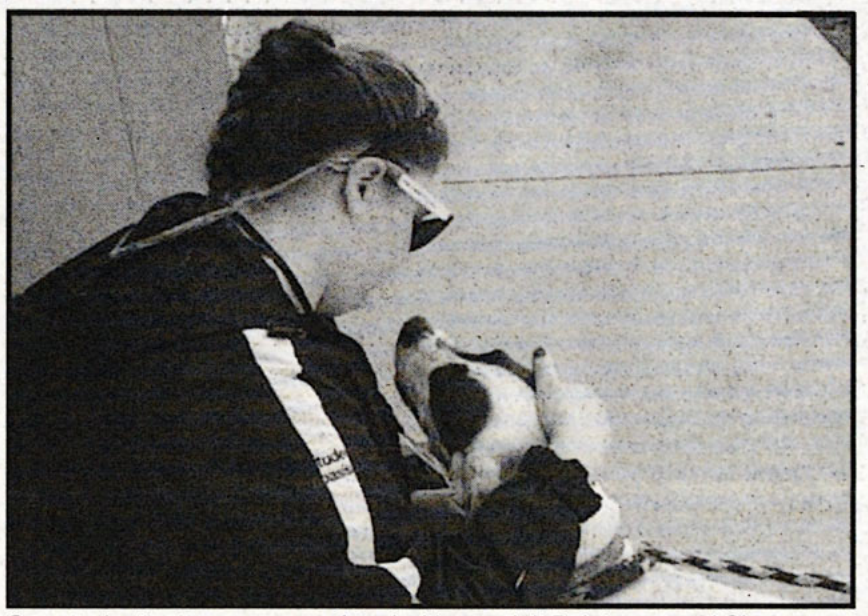
For cat enrichment students and volunteers were taught that plastic Easter eggs filled with tuna or cat chow provide an interesting pastime for the feline population at the shelter. Cork screws soaked in Catnip make interesting toys for kitties as well.

By the end of the day members of S.E.R.V.E. were tired but had genuinely experienced the reward that comes with serving the community.

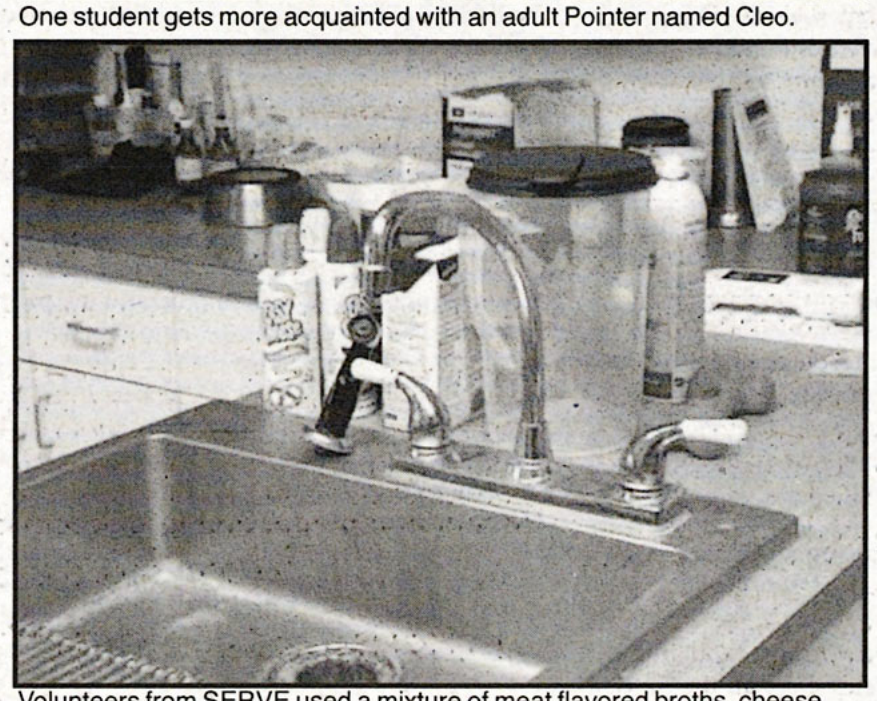
If you are interested in volunteering or adopting an animal please contact Pasco County Animal Services at (727) 834-3216 or adoptionpartners@pascocountyfl.net

Lennox is a very friendly 2 year old husky hound. He has been adopted.

(Left): A member of SERVE gets more acquainted with two friendly pups during an afternoon stroll at the shelter.



One student gets more acquainted with an adult Pointer named Cleo.



Volunteers from SERVE used a mixture of meat flavored broths, cheese, sausage for dogs, and dried dog food to make dog treats

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National News

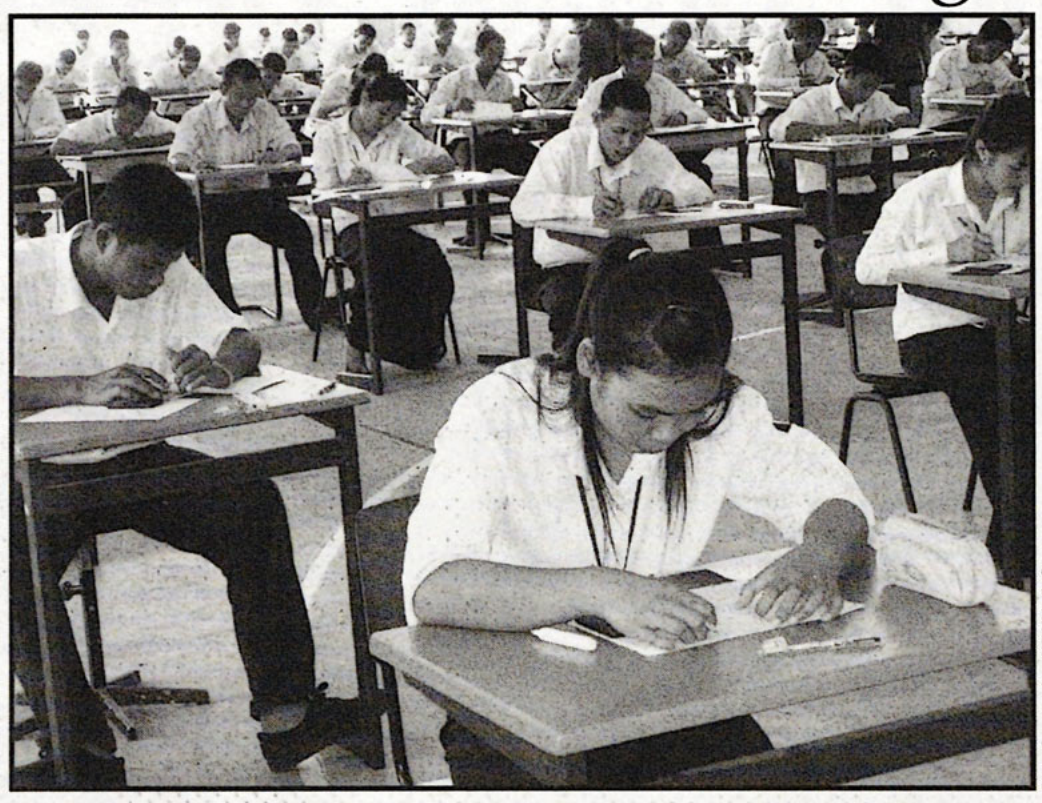
New SAT Aims to Aid on Strong Students

By Bryan Quiles
Contributing Writer

Over the years, the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) exam administered every year has been used by colleges to predict the success of its applicants. The test is a major factor of whether or not a student is admitted into a school. However, the test has received criticism about how it is not a good measurement of the academic success for students. The College Board (the makers of the SAT) has released information stating that changes to the Spring 2016 test will allow the test to be representative of the academic success of a student.

According to ABC News, most studies regarding the comparison of SAT scores and GPAs at the colligate level only show a variation of 10-20 percent of GPAs can be explained by SAT scores.

"I don't think they [SAT scores] reflect academic success because of the difference in the level of difficulty between the SAT and the ACT test. Personally, I don't feel that they represent my academic success at Saint Leo," said Senior Stevie Keen.



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The scoring for the exam will return to the 1600 point scale instead of the 2400 point scale.

David Coleman, the president of College Board, criticized his own test at a meeting announcing the new changes.

According to Coleman, the test is "far to disconnected from the work of our high schools."

Additionally, Coleman admits that grades in high school are a better predictor of college success rather than the SAT. In fact, more schools, such as Saint Leo, have been using "test-optional" admissions, allowing students to waive the SAT.

Not only does Mr. Coleman say that the test is not representative of how well students will do in college, but he also implies that the test is just a measure to see if students know how to pick the right answer on a test.

"No longer will it be good enough to focus on tricks and trying to eliminate answer choices," said Coleman.

The SAT, according to the College Board, will be changed in the following ways:

Instead of using difficult and outdated words (such as taciturn and adumbration), words like "synthesis" and "empirical" will be used.

The essay required since 2005 will be optional. Most admissions committees find that the essay is not important in assessing whether or not a student should be admitted.

The guessing penalty, which subtracts ¼ of a point for an incorrect answer, will be removed.

The scoring for the exam will return to the 1600 point scale instead of the 2400 point scale.

There will be a more solid math focus on linear equations, functions, ratios, percentages, and proportional reasoning.

Research abilities will be assessed in the test. Students will use source documents, which include a broad range of disciplines, to select quotations or ideas that support the answer they choose.

Each exam will include a "founding nation document," such as the "Declaration of Independence."

Victim of "Lost Wages" in "Sin City"

By Jocelyne Hilary
Contributing Writer

Californian business man, Mark A. Johnston, is adamant on suing Downtown Grand Las Vegas Hotel & Casino following a loss of $500,000 playing Black Jack and Pai Gow.

According to CNN international, the 52-year-old business man is suing the casino due to allegedly being too drunk to have even been allowed to gamble. The incident took place super bowl weekend and the lawsuit was filed at the end of last month.

In his lawsuit, Johnston claims that he should not have even been allowed to gamble over the seventeen-hour period given his allegedly drunken state.

Johnston claims that he had consumed so much alcohol that he suffered from a blackout which had resulted in him having no recollection of losing the $500,000 or even going to gamble in the first place.

"Just picture a drunk walking the street and he's drunk, and someone pickpockets and takes his money from him," said Johnston when questioned in an interview conducted by CNN.

There have still been no comments or statements from the casino in which the incident occurred but, they are holding firm

According to the Nevada Gaming Control Board, casinos are required to comply with their regulation by not allowing people who are clearly intoxicated to participate in gaming activityand from providing free service or sale of alcohol to people who already appear to be visibly intoxicated.

If Johnston's alleged condition is proven to be true, the Downtown Grand Las Vegas Hotel & Casino will be held liable for an infringement of the regulation. The penalty for this includes license revocation. Despite allegedly allowing Johnston to gamble in an intoxicated condition,

Johnston told reporters in a press release that the lawsuit was not about the money, but about safety. The 52 year old expressed that the staff should have been more proactive in ensuring his safety not only during his gambling session, but upon his arrival and exit.

"Vegas is a city of temptation that people voluntarily enter into, no one is coercing or forcing them to play and gamble their money. If a person of legal age, chooses to take part in gambling that is under their own free will no matter what odds they enter into," said Bobby Cote, an intern at Pasco County's Sheriff office

There have still been no comments or statements from the casino in which the incident occurred but, they are holding firm and expecting Johnston to pay up.

It is still too early too see which party will come out on top. Investigations including both parties are ongoing.

With its famous strip, casinos and clubs, Vegas is known for its exuberant lifestyle, and has risen to prominence not only among residents of other states but among people around the globe. Furthermore, Movies like The Hangover, 21,

What Happens in Vegas and Last Vegas have publicized the overboard-extravagant lifestyle. Las Vegas is becoming the go-to place for most people seeking a wild adventure; however, with booms in tourism, the numbers of lawsuits and incidents resulting from alcohol overconsumption has also been on the rise.

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BIO 334: Medicinal Botany TR 11 am-12:20 pm

TR 11 am - 12:20 pm
Instructor: Linda Bergen-Losee

This course will look at how plants affect human health and how plants though the ages have made an impact on health. From Socrates taking a fatal dose of hemlock, the use of digitalis for heart ailments, the yew tree's taxol in treatment of various cancers, the medicinal uses of plants will be investigated. The effect of pharmaceuticals, botanical products, and dietary supplements will be studied, focusing on different body systems. **Prerequisite: BIO 126,/Bio 126L, BIO 223/BIO 223L, OR Bio 125/BIO 125L and permission of the instructor.**

HTY 300 ST: Modern German History: A Personal and Professional View (1871-1989)

TR 11 am - 12:20 pm
Instructor: Abraham Peck

This course is taught by a son of Holocaust survivors, born in Germany, and who has lived in both West Germany and Communist East Germany. The premise of this course is that Germany since 1871 is a question rather than an answer. We will spend the course exploring how the search for meaning in the broadest sense, has shaped a "German" history marked by supreme accomplishment as well as unprecedented violence, progress as well as fragmentation and the assumption that Germany has traveled a *Sonderweg* (a special path) in history. Special attention will be given to social developments in Germany and the question: was the Holocaust carried out by "ordinary men" or "ordinary Germans."

ANT 335: Biological Anthropology

TR 12:30 pm - 1:50 pm
Instructor: Susan Pappas

Biological anthropologists may study our closest relatives, the primates to help understand how humans evolved from earlier forms or as Jane Goodall did, study their behaviors. Some (paleontologists) may search for and study the fossil remains of our early human ancestors and others may research how human populations have biologically adapted to harsh environments as the Arctic, high altitudes or look at human genetics. Law enforcement also benefits from biological anthropology from skeletal identification or DNA fingerprinting made by forensic anthropologists. Prerequisite: ANT 121

POL 339: Readings in Political Science

TR 3:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Instructor: Hudson Reynolds

Want to know more about the threat of fundamentalist Islam in the Middle East, the rise of China as an industrial and military super power, the uncertain future of Europe, and the widening rift of economic inequality in the United States? Then, join the contemporary book club that is Readings in Political Science. We will be investigating several recent and influential books on current affairs, watching TV and Internet interviews with their authors, and sharing individual research and personal observations. If you have passionate opinions about world politics and enjoy exchanging your views with others who are equally well informed, rather than listening to a professor pontificate and taking examinations on the content of your notes, then this class is for you!

IDS 340: Haunted Britain

MWF 11:30 am - 12:20 pm

Instructors: Karen Bryant and Elisabeth Aiken

Have you ever wanted to wander through a haunted castle? Are you intrigued by ancient lore or things that go bump in the night? Join us for IDS 340: Haunted Britain! This class will study Great Britain's favorite ghouls and ghosts through its art and literature, and then culminate in a 9-day expedition to Scotland and England. Don't be left in the dark!

POL 400 ST: Supreme Court, Myth or Reality

TR 2 pm- 3:20pm

Instructor: Joseph Cillo

Ever wonder why or how that became law? Ever wonder how you can change the law? Come and explore with me the minds of those Justices that have shaped our society, set social values, defined morality, immigration, declared laws unconstitutional and even limited the power of the President. This course will explore the opinions of the men and women who are responsible for the cultural and political evolution of our country.

SOC 350: Race and Ethnic Relations

MWF 3:30 pm - 4:50 pm

Instructor: Janis Prince

Does race matter in the 21st Century? Is race real? Is race biological? Or is it social? This course offers a variety of perspectives to answer these and many other questions about race and ethnicity. We will explore concepts on this subject, and analyze the social consequences of racial and ethnic stratification in the contemporary world.

SOC 343: The Social Ladder

MWF 2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Instructor: Janis Prince

Is social inequality solely the result of personal failure? Why do some Americans have greater wealth than others do? Why do some people get a better education and ultimately better jobs? Let's examine the nature, degree, and consequences of social inequality in U.S. society, along with attitudes toward changes in patterns of distribution of different rewards.

REL 330: Christian Morality TR 8-9:20 am

TR 8 am- 9:20am

Instructor: Stephen Okey

Are you interested in sex? War? Technology? Human rights? Genetic engineering? Come learn what these have in common: ethics and morals. REL 330, Christian Morality, will look at these aspects of life and the principles and commitments underlying all of them. We will look at ancient traditions, contemporary issues, and concrete case studies in order to develop our understanding of what it means to live "the good life."

SOC 201: Globalization

TR 3:30 pm - 4:50 pm

Instructor: Patricia Campion

Your gateway to the Global Studies major or minor!

It's hard to avoid hearing about globalization these days, in the news or even in the classroom. But it's also hard at times to see exactly how it affects us, and why we should care. So join this class to discover the many facets of globalization, its origin, and its consequences. We'll take a trip around the world to explore the global economy, global culture, terrorism and international crime, global governance, human rights, global health concerns… and what we can do to address the issues that now bind us all together.

POL 300: Campaigns and Elections

TR 11 am - 12:20 pm

Instructor: Frank Orlando

Are you interested in studying the most important facet of our democratic process? The success of representative Democracy relies on the input of informed citizens. This class will take a contemporary approach to the study of campaigns and elections. We'll be addressing several important questions throughout the semester. For example, what strategies are campaigns using to reach voters in 2014? Why are so many campaign advertisements negative in nature? Are voters more likely to support physically attractive candidates? What role does money play in determining the winner of an election? Coursework will include exams, papers, participation, and reading will be essential. Prerequisite: POL 223 or permission of the instructor

EGN 350: Engineering Mechanics TR 2 - 3:20 pm

TR 2 pm- 3:20pm

Instructor: Leo Ondrovic

Ever wonder why some tools break, and others do not? Ever have a rope break unexpectedly? Or string, twine, or other bindings? Did you know failing structural steel is distorted, and becomes misshapen before it breaks, allowing building inspectors to discover the imminent structural failure BEFORE collapse. Discover why in EGN 330 "Mechanics of Materials". In this course you will learn to predict the mechanical behavior of a wide range of building materials as diverse as metals, plastics, wood, and textiles. Applying these principles to devices allows the designer to anticipate failure modes and strengthen designs. Learn about stress, strain and toughness, and their repercussions for designs, in this three credit hour course. **Prerequisite: MAT 152 or higher (MAT 231 recommenmded) and PHY 221**

MUS 120,220,320,420

Private instruction in piano, voice, strings, guitar and percussion. Students receive a minimum of ten private lessons during the semester with a qualified instructor on their instrument or voice. Semester fee is required. For more information please contact Allyson Marino (allyson.marino@saintleo.edu)

MUS-100-CA01

A Capella Group: Instructor Pamela Decius (Pamela.decius@saintleo.edu)

Our small group ensembles perform at campus events such as the biannual student art shows, poetry readings, recitals, and receptions. They also have many opportunities to perform in the community at local events, art galleries, and retirement communities.

MUS 100-CA02

Saint Leo Singers: Instructor Cynthia Selph (Cynthia.selph@saintleo.edu)

Choral ensemble that performs all styles of music from classical to pop to multi-cultural to gospel. This ensemble performs with a variety of instrumental accompaniment, and is open to all singers. Auditions for placement are held during the first week of classes.

MUS 130-CA01

String Ensemble: Intructor Kasia Dolinska (kasia.dolinska@saintleo.edu)

String Ensemble is a small performance group open to students of all levels of skill. The ensemble meets once a week for rehearsals throughout the semester, and they perform in venues such as the annual student art shows, the Christmas Concert, and student and faculty recitals. The group is led by violinist Kasia Dolinska, who also teaches private string instruction. Ms. Dolinska holds Masters Degrees from the Fryderyk Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland and the University of South Florida. Currently, she plays with the Florida Orchestra, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, and Tampa Opera.

ART 221: DRAWING

T 8:00 a.m. Taught by Trish Toms (trish.toms@saintleo.edu)

Artist and Educator, Freehand drawing from landscape, live models, and objects. with emphasis on training students to see, to understand, and to report through drawing. Six hours of studio per week.

ART 226: Beginning Photography

TR 8 am or 11 am - Instructor James Hughson: james.hughson@saintleo.edu

This is a course in the art and techniques of black & white photography and digital working from the fundamental thesis that when understood, the camera is a tool for exciting and individualistic image-making. The student will be expected to complete a set of "school figures" as well as "freestyle figures" in the use of the camera, learn to develop his/her own negatives and print his/her own images. There will be class time devoted both to darkroom work and group critiques of the images.

GER 112: German Level 1-A

Prerequisite: GER 111 or equivalent of one year of high school German

T 5 pm

Instructor: Carol Moon (carol.moon@saintleo.edu)

What is a "Haus mit Garten" or a "Kaffespause"? How do you make a "Hotelreservierung" or order some "Theaterkarten"?

Find out the answers to these fun AND useful questions and MORE - by signing up to take Beginning German II.

SPA 111-CA01: Beginning Spanish

TR 2 pm - 3:20 pm

Instructor Marcela van Olphen (Marcela.vanolphen@saintleo.edu)

Interested in learning a language? Join us! In Spanish 111 you will learn about the fundamentals of pronunciation, conversation, grammar, and written communication through the acquisition of basic Spanish vocabulary. Come and learn how to socialize with college students from Spain, Latin America, or Hispanic/Latino students born and raised in the US.

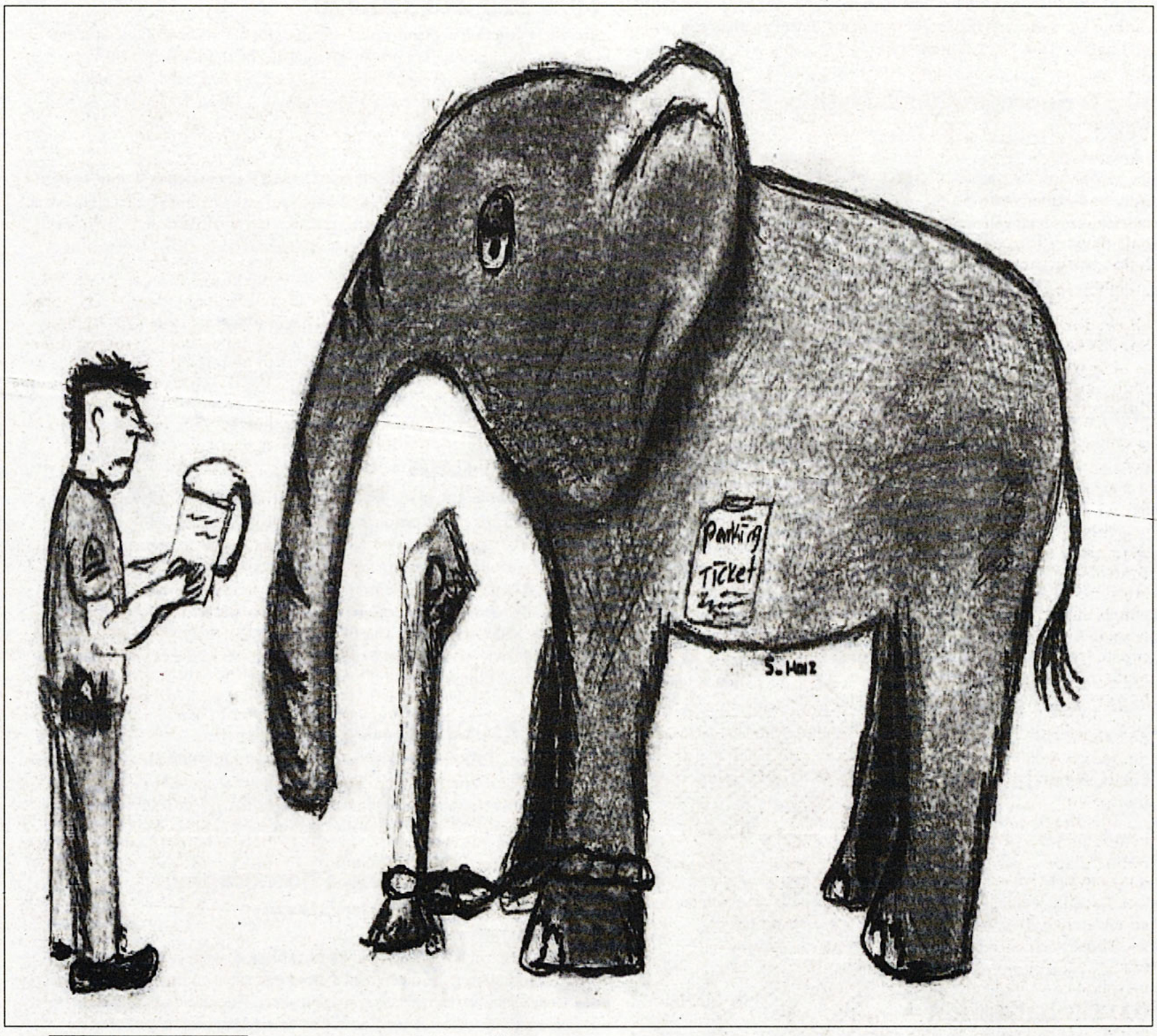
SPA 420: Spanish

W 3:20 pm 6:30 pm

Instructor Marcela van Olphen (Marcela.vanolphen@saintleo.edu)

¿Hablas español? ¿Quieres mejorar tu escritura y el uso del español formal? ¿Creciste en una familia hispana hablando el español y necesitas ayuda para mejorarlo? Si tu primera lengua es el inglés y sabes bastante español, esta clase también es para ti!! In this class, you will improve your Spanish skills and learn more about Latin America and Spain cultures by watching movies and reading poems, segments from novels, short stories. Grammar is contextualized and you will develop your formal Spanish in meaningful ways! Sharpen up your academic Spanish!

Strange Florida Laws That



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By Shawnee Arnett
Contributing Writer

Florida is a strange land filled many of the country's retirees mixed with several different cultures, a healthy set of annual snowbirds, and oddities such as several nudist resorts, the inability to choose a presidential candidate, and the confusing monstrosity that is The Everglades. Florida is widely known as "America's Weirdest State," and with good reason: not many states can boast of the high number of weird news stories coming from them in the way Florida can. It is a combination of the state's weirdness and the suppressed nature of the 1800's that give Florida some of its strangest laws. Most of the laws on this list are, in fact, left over from the 19th century, and are only still in effect today because of the nuisance it would be to repeal them. As a result, these laws are ignored by lawmakers and members of the judicial system despite the fact that these laws can still technically be enforced today. Here are some of Florida's craziest laws and some of the punishments supposedly assigned to the people who break them:

Unmarried couples must not commit any "lewd acts" or reside under the same roof together.

People who break this law are technically guilty of a second degree misdemeanor. The law, however, was created during a socially rigid era in which it was seen as perfectly acceptable to control the minute details of a person's life through the establishment of heavily protected social morals. Throughout the generations that have passed since the establishment of this law, the idea of premarital relations has become an accepted part of society.

Florida accidentally banned all computers and smartphones in the state.

Over the summer, lawmakers in Florida passed a bill that was intended to ban all internet cafes and slot machines in the state. However, the bill was written so poorly that it unintentionally banned people from using any computer or smartphone, as they technically count as "a system or network of devices that may be used in a game of chance".

It is illegal to skateboard without a license.

Once upon a time, people were required to carry a special license in order to use a skateboard, much in the same way that people are required to have a license in order to drive a car today. Obviously, this law has since been ignored.

Doors of all public buildings must open outward.

This is more of a fire safety issue. It is thought that a door that opens outward would make it easier for a crowd to escape a burning building. While this is true, and it does make it easier for a group of people to exit a room at the same time, this law is generally ignored.

Pregnant pigs must not be confined to cages.

This law is part of Florida's constitution and is more an issue of preventing animal cruelty. Under this law, a pregnant pig is not to be confined in any way unless the restraint is part of a veterinary procedure or part of the pre-birthing process.

A person may not sell his or her own children.

This is actually a great law to keep in place, though it is unfortunate that any person would consider selling his or her own child. This law condemns the selling of one's child, specifically for the purpose of sexual trafficking. To sell one's child and/or children is a first degree felony.

One must not shower naked.

This law provides an excuse for people all over Florida to sing Judas Priest's "Breaking the Law" while showering. As one may suspect based on the obvious, this law is no longer enforced. The law was put into place during a darker, dirtier time in which people assumed that bathing would lead to illness and showered rarely in order to prevent said illness.

One must not break more than three dishes per day, or chip the edges of more than four cups and/or saucers per day.

People who accidentally drop plates in the cafeteria should beware.

If a woman falls asleep under a hair dryer at a hair

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salon, both the woman and the hair salon may be fined.

This was created as more of a safety issue: it is more difficult for a sleeping woman to comprehend that her head is baking than it is for a fully alert woman. This law, however, is no longer enforced, and salon-goers all over Florida now have the freedom to fall asleep under the warmth of a hair dryer after reading the latest celebrity gossip in "Cosmo" in peace.

Unmarried women are not allowed to parachute on Sundays.

If a woman were to be found guilty of this crime during the time in which it was active, she would be subject to arrest and a fine.

A man may not kiss his wife's breasts.

This is yet another example of the controlling "moral" laws during a time in which the sight of a woman's ankle was considered risqué. In modern times, however, what two consenting adults do behind closed doors is nobody's business but their own.

It is illegal to sing in a public place while dressed in a bathing suit.

Those who inexplicably engage in reenactments of anything from "High School Musical" should beware, though these reenactments will probably only draw confusion and contempt from others.

If an elephant is tied to a parking meter, the person who tied it there must pay the parking meter as if the elephant were a motor vehicle.

This is apparently how Florida deals with residents who attempt to avoid being charged for parking by riding their everyday household pet elephants to the beach. Florida always has a perfectly logical backup plan, however, so those who wish to bring an elephant to the beach must pay to park it.

The penalty for horse theft is death by hanging.

Though hangings are no longer a legal punishment, it is disturbing to think of what would bring on something as extreme as the death penalty in centuries past.

Men may not be seen in public in any sort of strapless gown.

For those who are disappointed by this blatant example of discrimination, it is important to remember that the key word is "strapless." The cap sleeve, halter, and spaghetti strap options are still perfectly legal.

It is illegal to have sexual relations with a porcupine.

This is yet another example of a law that still has every right to be in effect. Bestiality is generally considered to be animal cruelty, and considering that porcupines are covered in sharp quills, it is a terrible idea to walk up to one and touch it, let alone sexually violate it.

A person is not allowed to engage in any "unnatural acts" with another person.

Though this law is vague, it outlaws any "unnatural or lascivious" behavior between two people. Based on the social standards of the time, it probably made illegal any act that was not missionary sex between a married couple.

It is illegal for a couple to have sex in any position other than missionary.

Yep.

It is illegal to have oral sex.

Double yep.

In Destin, it is illegal for the owner of a store to allow a person to pass out free ducklings in front of the store.

It is not clear what store owner did this or why he or she specifically wanted ducks to be passed out, but this clearly enraged the authorities to the point that an entire law had to be made in order to prevent it.

In Miami, no one may bring a pig to the beach.

This is probably for the best, since some pigs can be aggressive and some humans can be really stupid, especially when given the opportunity to harass an innocent pig near a large body of water.

In Pensacola, a woman may be fined (after her death) for being electrocuted in a bath tub from using self-beautification utensils.

Though it is generally thought to be a terrible idea for a person to be anywhere near a device that is plugged in while he/she is in a bath tub, it is a bit harsh to punish a woman with a fine on top of her death.

In Daytona, it is illegal to molest a trash can.

Please DO NOT molest a trash can. Nothing good can come from that.

Again, the vast majority of these laws are currently ignored, however, it is always interesting (and often disturbing) to see what was considered "wrong" in the generations before our time.

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Campus News

Barker the Service Dog Contributes

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Meet barker, the service dog in training, and his trainer Dr. Jalika Waugh, Assistant Professor of Criminalistics. Dr. Waugh is a "volunteer puppy raiser" for Southeastern Guide Dogs, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides guide dogs for Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs), free of charge. Barker was Dr. Waugh's most recent puppy that she and her husband raised together from 9 weeks to 13 months old. He will soon go back to Southeastern Guide Dog's campus where he will be going through "guide dog college" where he will spend a few months learning more intense command and what he needs to do to become an official guide dog.

Dr. Waugh picked up barker last April and brought him on campus as a young puppy. She brought him with her as she taught three classes. Dr. Waugh's responsibilities are to raise barker and teach him basic commands such as sit, stay, down, up forward, no, come and heel. Dr. Waugh also had to expose barker to different things and environments where visually impaired people might go like work and the store. She needed to get barker used to those things like Publix shopping carts and big crowds to make him feel comfortable in those environments.

Dr. Waugh took Barker to the Dining Hall whenever she had him on campus. Dr. Waugh and her husband also took barker to a Rays baseball game, Tampa Bay Storm game, and to a Tampa Bay Lightning game. Dr. Waugh and her husband also recently got back from a trip to the mountains in North Carolina, where she said that barker played in the snow and walked on a mile high suspended bridge.

"I have to walk him, it gets me out of the office and is a good form of exercise," said Dr. Waugh.

Dr. Waugh regularly took Barker to the park for her puppy meetings, and he has been up in watch towers and on doggie beaches. Barker is also allowed in restaurants but is instructed by Dr. Waugh to lay down on the floor by her feet using a technique where she puts the leash underneath her foot. Dr. Waugh leaves him at home very rarely.

Dr. Waugh mentioned that people sometimes looked at her and wondered why she had Barker because she is not blind or visually impaired. For this reason, she wants to encourage education of the public on guide dogs going through training. She additionally mentioned that most people with guide dogs are not completely blind like most people think.

There is a Florida State Statute that allows Barker public access rights, so he can enter any building as a guide dog in training while wearing his blue vest. While Barker's blue vest was on, he was working and no one could pet him. When his blue vest came off, he could play and get love and attention.

When Barker goes off to college at Southeastern Guide Dog's campus, he will learn more intense commands and learn how to navigate through busy streets. Barker's journey through guide dog college starts with a four week medical evaluation to make sure that he is physically healthy and able to do the job. After the evaluation, Barker will then go on to four months of intense harness training. If Barker is successful, he will then graduate and stay on Southeastern Guide Dog's campus until he is matched with a VIP. The VIP will then live together with him in a dorm room for an additional 28 days for a team training process. After Barker and his VIP finish their team training, they get to leave and live together for around eight years. In the end, Barker gets to go into retirement.

Photo taken by Tom Buckley

Dr. Waugh takes barker on a walk to get out of the office and to take a break.

Since Barker is at guide dog college, Dr. Waugh cannot visit barker because it would be a distraction to him. Dr. Waugh can also not contact barkers new owner unless they let Southeastern Guide Dogs know that its okay after 90 days following graduation. But Dr. Waugh has kept in touch with the accounting firm that raised money to name Barker. It costs a lot of money for Southeastern Guide Dogs to operate on a daily basis.

Different people can donate to name a dog. There are also walk-a-thons and regular donations. This money goes to help raise a dog which costs an average of $3,500.

Barker has already raised money himself to name another puppy that Dr. Waugh will train just as she did Barker. Dr. Waugh along with the accounting firm that raised the money to name barker held a hug-a-barker fundraiser to name her next puppy. Dr. Waugh, her husband and member of the firm each chose a name: Ringo, Leo and Clyde. Dr. Waugh will put the names underneath three treats. Whichever treat barker picks will be the name of Dr. Waugh's next puppy.

"The whole experience with Barker has been great, all of the students on campus loved him, and I think that they are going to miss him as much as I will, and we will do it all over again with another puppy," said Dr. Waugh."Barker can go down in history as the first guide dog in training at Saint Leo University, he's one of the first."

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